

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
 - in response to receiving a new email, determining, per a user profile database, if the new email matches a predetermined criterion of when to send notice of a new email to a user's cellular phone;
 - generating a ~~customized~~ notice of the new email, wherein a content of the notice is customized per the user profile database;
 - if the user's cellular phone uses Global System for Mobiles, sending the customized notice of the new email via a Short Messaging Service ("SMS"); and
 - if the user's cellular phone does not use GSM, sending the customized notice of the new email via a Simple Mail Transfer Protocol.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - receiving the user profile including a registration request and a criterion of customization from the user; and
 - storing the user profile in the user profile database.

3-5 (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein delivering a notice includes sending the notice in a secure manner.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A system for sending a customized notice comprising:
a processor;
a memory, coupled to the processor, to store a notification agent, wherein the notification agent maintains a plurality of user profiles and each user profile contains a plurality of criteria for customizing the notice, wherein during execution, the notification agent performs:

in response to receiving a new email, determining, per a user profile database, if the new email matches a predetermined criterion of when to send notice of a new email to a user's cellular phone;

generating a ~~customized~~ notice of the new email, wherein a content of the notice is customized per the user profile database;

if the user's cellular phone uses Global System for Mobiles, sending the customized notice of the new email via a Short Messaging Service ("SMS"); and

if the user's cellular phone does not use GSM, sending the customized notice of the new email via a Simple Mail Transfer Protocol.

9-10 (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the user profile contains at least a user name, a list of notification criteria, and a list of delivery vehicles.

12. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the customized notice is a secured notice in response to the corresponding user profile.

13-14 (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture for use in an intelligent notification system for storing an intelligent agent, the article of manufacture comprising a machine readable medium having machine readable program code embodied in the medium, the program code comprising:

in response to receiving a new email, determining, per the user profile database, if the new email matches a predetermined criterion of when to send notice of a new email to a user's cellular phone;

generating a ~~customized~~ notice of the new email, wherein a content of the notice is customized per the user profile database;

if the user's cellular phone uses Global System for Mobiles, sending the customized notice of the new email via a Short Messaging Service ("SMS"); and

if the user's cellular phone does not use GSM, sending the customized notice of the new email via a Simple Mail Transfer Protocol.

16. (Original) An article of manufacture of claim 15, the program code further comprising:

receiving a user profile including a registration request and criterion of customization from the user; and

storing the user profile in the user profile database.

17-19 (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a new email;

means for determining, per a user profile database, if the new email matches a predetermined criterion of when to send notice of a new email to a user's cellular phone;

generating a ~~customized~~ notice of the new email, wherein a content of the notice is customized per the user profile database;

if the user's cellular phone uses Global System for Mobiles, sending the customized notice of the new email via a Short Messaging Service ("SMS"); and

if the user's cellular phone does not use GSM, sending the customized notice of the new email via a Simple Mail Transfer Protocol.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20 further comprising:
means for receiving a user profile including a registration requests
and criterion of customization from the user; and
means for storing the user profile in the user profile database.

22-24 (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the means for
delivering a notice includes means for sending a secured notification.

26. (Cancelled)